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To whom it may concern,

As a spouse, parent, business person and American citizen I am concerned about the fairness with which we are treated.

From what I see, I believe the Microsoft settlement is going more in favor of the rich and powerful than toward an equitable resolution.

Microsoft has used their position to directly influence this outcome, which is their responsibility to employees, customers and shareholders (I am the latter two); however, I am convinced they also abuse their position through intimidation both direct and indirect.

Their direct bullying can be seen in the restrictive practices they have used in forcing their distributors to favor their products.

Their indirect (covert) actions are evidenced by their avoiding adherence to standards they supposedly support by adding features which make the use thereof non compliant with the standard; e.g., their JAVA 'extras'.

This is not a plea to punish them, rather one to encourage the Department of Justice to be enthusiastic in encouraging fair play.

Thank you,

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